Iowa Department of Natural Resources Natural Resource Commission

ITEM 8 DECISION

TOPIC Management Agreement, Dallas County -- Perry North Raccoon River Access

The Natural Resource Commission's approval is requested for a management agreement between the City of Perry (City), Iowa and the DNR. This agreement would authorize the City to manage the Perry North Raccoon River Access for the period ending June 30, 2032. The 4.93 acre river access area was acquired by the DNR in 1984 through a transfer of jurisdiction from the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). The area consists of an approximately 1/4 mile length portion of old State Highway 141 with a boat ramp at the river. It is located about 1/8 mile north of existing Highway 141 at the west edge of the City of Perry. The City has requested the management agreement.

This area will continue to be managed as a river access. The City proposes to further develop the area by installing exterior lighting, parking area barriers, river viewing areas and a picnic area. Those development activities are planned to begin immediately to complement the 2007 Project AWARE river clean-up. Through an agreement with IDOT, the City will also manage approximately 18 acres south and adjacent to this DNR property and north of Highway 141. Both the DNR and IDOT areas will be managed as a single recreation area.

Linda Hanson, Administrator Management Services Division May 10, 2007